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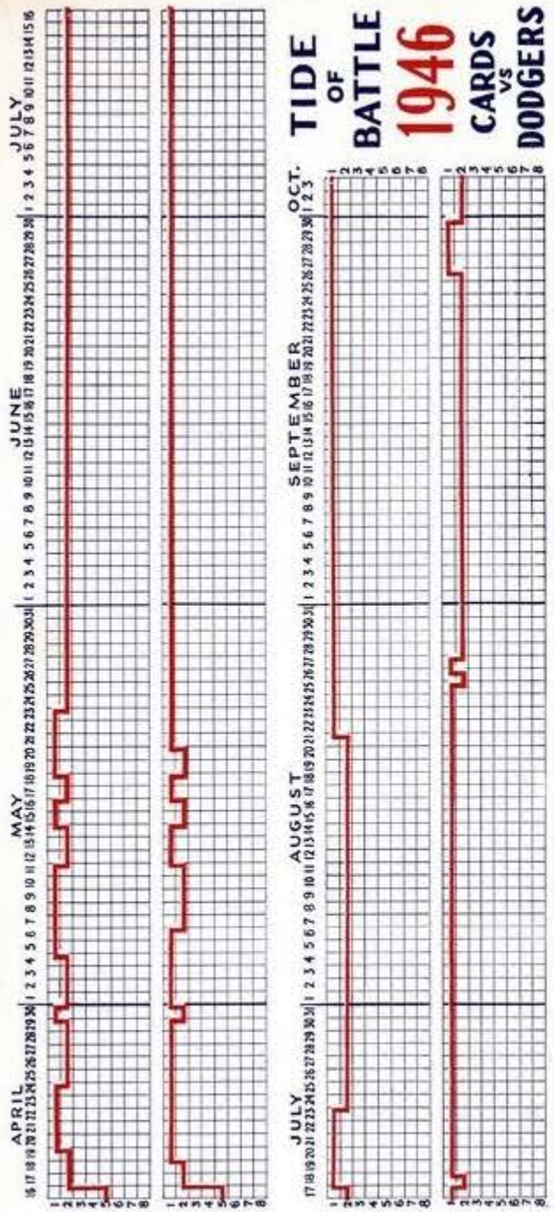

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MINOR LEAGUE OPERATIONS

DIRECTOR
Harold G. Roettger

Fresco Thompson, Assistant

DIRECTOR OF SCOUTS
Mickey McConnell

Club	Classification	League
*Montreal	AAA	International
**St. Paul	AAA	American Association
*Fort Worth	AA	Texas
**Mobile	AA	Southern Association
**Greenville	A	South Atlantic
**Pueblo	A	Western
*Danville	B	Three I League
*Nashua	B	New England
*Newport News	B	Piedmont
**Asheville	B	Tri State
**Spokane	B	Western International
*Santa Barbara	C	California
*Three Rivers	C	Canadian-American
**Abilene	C	West Texas-New Mexico
**Johnstown	C	Middle Atlantic
*Cambridge	D	Eastern Shore
*Kingston	D	North Atlantic
*Olean	D	P. O. N. Y. League
*Ponca City	D	K. O. M. League
*Thomasville	D	North Carolina State
*Valdosta	D	Georgia-Florida
**Pulaski	D	Appalachian
**Sheboygan	D	Wisconsin State League
**Zanesville	D	Ohio State League

* Ownership Clubs ** Working Agreement Clubs

OPENING GAME

of 1947 Season

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Tuesday, April 15—Ebbets Field

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DODGERS vs. BRAVES

Tickets are now on sale for all 1947 Spring Exhibition and Regular Season games scheduled at Ebbets Field.
Ticket Office: Room 212, 215 Montague St., Brooklyn 2, N.Y.
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Exhibition Game Schedule

Fri., Feb. 28	Boston Braves at Havana
Sat., Mar. 1	Boston Braves at Havana
Sun., Mar. 2	Boston Braves at Havana
Tues., Mar. 4	Yankees at Caracas, Venezuela
Wed., Mar. 5	Yankees at Caracas, Venezuela
Thurs., Mar. 6	Yankees at Caracas, Venezuela
Sat., Mar. 8	Yankees at Havana
Sun., Mar. 9	Yankees at Havana
Mon., Mar. 10	Yankees at Havana
Mar. 10 to 21	LOCAL TEAMS AT PANAMA
Fri., Mar. 21	St. Louis Browns at Havana
Sat., Mar. 22	St. Louis Browns at Havana
Sun., Mar. 23	St. Louis Browns at Havana
Tuesday, Mar. 25	Montreal at Havana
Wed., Mar. 26	Havana All Stars at Havana
Thurs., Mar. 27	Montreal at Havana
Fri., Mar. 28	Havana All Stars at Havana
Sat., Mar. 29	Montreal at Havana
Sun., Mar. 30	Havana All Stars at Havana
Mon., Mar. 31	Havana Cubans at Havana
Tues., Apr. 1	Montreal at Havana
Wed., Apr. 2	Montreal at Havana
Sat., Apr. 5	Montreal at Havana
Sun., Apr. 6 (doubleheader)	Montreal vs. All Stars Brooklyn vs. All Stars
Mon., Apr. 7	St. Louis Browns at Havana
[North via Special Train, Florida East Coast Line, 7 p.m.]	
Tues., Apr. 8	Charleston at Charleston, S. C.
Wed., Apr. 9	Montreal at Brooklyn
Thurs., Apr. 10	Montreal at Brooklyn
Fri., Apr. 11	Yankees at Brooklyn
Sat., Apr. 12	Yankees at Brooklyn
Sun., Apr. 13	Yankees at Brooklyn

Dodgers Under Durocher

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.	Finish
1939	84	69	.549	3
1940	88	65	.575	2
1941	100	54	.649	1
1942	104	50	.675	2
1943	81	72	.529	3
1944	63	91	.409	7
1945	87	67	.565	3
1946	96	60	.615	2

RMY AUCTIONS

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1947 Dodgers ROSTER

LEO DUROCHER, Manager

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BRANCH RICKEY, President and General Manager
JOHN L. SMITH, Vice President and Treasurer
WALTER F. O'MALLEY, Vice President and Secretary
BRANCH RICKEY, JR., Assistant General Manager

ARTHUR MANN, Asst. to Pres.
JOHN F. COLLINS, Bus. Mgr.
DONALD BEACH, Auditor
HAROLD PARROTT, Traveling Secretary

	Home	Birth Date	Throws	Ht.	Wt.	1946 Club	G	IP	H	SO	BB	W	L	ERA
PITCHERS														
BARNEY, REX	Omaha, Neb.	12/19/24	R	6:3	175	Brooklyn	16	54	46	36	51	2	5	5.83
BEHRMAN, HENRY	Brooklyn	6/27/21	R	5:11	170	Brooklyn	47	151	138	78	69	11	5	2.92
BRANCA, RALPH	Mt. Vernon	1/6/26	R	6:2	200	Brooklyn	24	67	62	42	41	3	1	3.90
CASEY, HUGH	Brooklyn	10/14/13	R	6:2	210	Brooklyn	46	100	101	31	33	11	5	1.98
GREGG, HAROLD	Anaheim, Cal.	7/11/21	R	6:4	195	Brooklyn	26	117	103	54	44	6	4	3.00
HATTEN, JOSEPH	Bancroft, Ia.	11/17/17	L	5:11	175	Brooklyn	42	222	207	85	110	14	11	2.84
HEAD, EDWARD	West Monroe, La.	1/25/19	R	6:1	180	Brooklyn	13	56	56	17	24	3	2	3.21
HEUSSER, EDWARD	Bountiful, Utah	5/7/09	R	6:1	192	Cincinnati	29	168	167	47	39	7	14	3.21
HIGBE, KIRBY	Columbia, S. C.	4/8/15	R	5:11	190	Brooklyn	42	211	170	134	107	17	8	3.03
JOHNSON, R. WAYNE	Piedmont, S. C.	2/20/20	L	6:2	175	Newport News	24	203	151	189	60	16	7	2.26
KING, CLYDE	Goldsboro, S. C.	5/23/25	R	6:1	175	Mobile	34	181	195	70	51	13	9	....
LOMBARDI, VICTOR	Bakersfield, Cal.	9/20/22	L	5:7	155	Brooklyn	41	193	170	60	84	13	10	2.89
McLISH, CALVIN	Oklahoma City, Okla.	12/1/25	R	6:0	180	Brooklyn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	....
MELTON, REUBEN	Gastonia, N. C.	9/27/17	R	6:5	210	Brooklyn	24	100	72	44	52	6	3	1.98
MINNER, PAUL	New Wilmington, Pa.	7/30/23	L	6:5	210	Mobile	42	235	245	144	61	16	11	....
						Brooklyn	3	4	6	3	3	0	1	6.75
NOZINSKI, MICHAEL	New York City	5/28/22	R	6:2	185	Nashua	23	137	94	101	53	9	8	....
PALICA, ERVIN	Lomita, Cal.	2/9/28	R	6:2	180	Asheville	28	215	187	161	86	15	6	2.51
TAYLOR, HARRY	Terre Haute, Ind.	5/20/19	R	6:1	175	St. Paul	29	181	149	98	75	15	7	....
						Brooklyn	4	5	5	6	1	0	0	3.60
VAN CUYK, JOHN	Kimberly, Wis.	7/7/21	L	6:1	190	Ft. Worth	30	234	163	207	96	18	8	1.42

	Home	Birth Date	Ht.	Wt.	1946 Club	Bats	Throws	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	Pct.	RBI
CATCHERS																
ANDERSON, FERRELL	Joplin, Mo.	1/9/18	6:1	200	Brooklyn	R	R	79	199	51	10	0	2	1	.256	14
EDWARDS, BRUCE	Sacramento, Cal.	7/15/23	5:9	178	Brooklyn	R	R	92	292	78	13	5	1	1	.267	25
					Mobile			62	208	69	13	1	2	9	.332	24
HODGES, GILBERT	Petersburg, Ind.	4/4/24	6:2	195	Newport	R	R	124	393	110	24	7	7	11	.280	55
HOWELL, HOMER	Louisville, Ky.	4/24/20	6:0	180	Montreal	Both	R	83	240	76	14	0	6	2	.300	37
OUTFIELDERS																
FURILLO, CARL	Reading, Pa.	3/9/22	6:0	176	Brooklyn	R	R	117	335	95	18	6	3	6	.284	35
HERMANSKI, GENE	Newark, N. J.	5/11/21	5:11	180	Brooklyn	L	R	64	110	22	2	2		2	.200	8
RACKLEY, MARVIN	Walhalla, S. C.	7/25/21	5:10	170	Montreal	L	L	124	465	142	16	13	4	63	.306	64
REISER, HAROLD	St. Louis, Mo.	3/17/20	5:11	185	Brooklyn	L	R	122	423	117	21	5	11	34	.277	73
SESSI, WALTER	Finleyville, Pa.	7/23/18	6:3	220	St. Louis, N.L.	L	L	15	14	2	0	0	1	0	.143	2
TATUM, THOMAS	Nashville, Tenn.	7/16/19	5:11	175	Montreal	R	R	129	484	155	27	2	4	30	.320	57
TEPSIC, JOSEPH	Tyrone, Pa.	9/18/23	5:9	170	Brooklyn	R	R	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0
WALKER, FRED	Birmingham, Ala.	9/24/10	6:1	180	Brooklyn	L	R	150	576	184	29	9	9	14	.319	116
WHITMAN, RICHARD	Eugene, Ore.	11/9/20	5:11	170	Brooklyn	L	R	104	265	69	15	3	2	5	.260	31
WOYT, BORIS	Linden, N. J.	9/21/20	5:11	175	Ft. Worth	R	R	115	433	130	19	7	3	59	.300	46
FIRST BASEMEN																
PAEPKE, JACK	Compton, Cal.	8/28/22	6:1	190	Ft. Worth	R	R	62	182	53	9	3	3	5	.291	37
RUCHSER, LOUIS	Brooklyn	7/20/23	6:2	185	Ft. Worth	L	L	150	496	121	27	6	4	4	.244	57
SCHULTZ, HOWARD	St. Paul, Minn.	7/3/22	6:6	200	Brooklyn	R	R	90	249	63	14	1	3	2	.253	27
STEVENS, EDWARD	Galveston, Tex.	1/12/25	6:1	190	Brooklyn	L	L	103	310	75	13	7	10	2	.242	60
DOUGLAS, JOHN	Indiantown, Fla.	9/14/16	6:2	190	St. Paul	L	L	144	579	178	14	2		8	.307	41
SECOND BASEMEN																
RAMAZZOTTI, ROBERT	Altoona, Pa.	1/16/19	5:11	168	Brooklyn	R	R	62	120	25	4	0	0	0	.208	7
STANKY, EDWARD	Mobile, Ala.	9/3/17	5:8	170	Brooklyn	R	R	144	483	132	24	7	0	8	.273	36
SHORTSTOPS																
MAUCH, GENE	Los Angeles, Cal.	11/18/25	5:10	168	St. Paul	R	R	149	546	133	19	3	6	9	.244	55
REESE, HAROLD	Louisville, Ky.	7/23/19	5:10	160	Brooklyn	R	R	152	542	154	16	10	5	10	.284	60
ROJEK, STANLEY	Tonawanda, N. Y.	4/21/19	5:10	165	Brooklyn	R	R	45	47	13	2	1	0	1	.277	2
WELAJ, LOUIS	Manville, N. J.	1/27/21	5:10	168	Ft. Worth	L	R	96	339	99	12	6	0	20	.292	40
THIRD BASEMEN																
LAVAGETTO, HARRY	Oakland, Cal.	12/1/14	6:0	170	Brooklyn	R	R	88	242	57	9	1	3	3	.236	27
MIKSIS, EDWARD	Burlington, N. J.	9/11/26	6:1	170	Brooklyn	R	R	23	48	7	0	0	0	0	.146	5
VAUGHAN, FLOYD	Potter Valley, Cal.	3/9/12	5:10	175	Brooklyn, '43	L	R	149	610	186	39	6	5	20	.305	66

COACHES—Ray Blades, Clyde Sukeforth, Jake Pitler

TRAINER—Dr. H. W. Wendler

SOME FAST FACTS ON NEWEST DODGERS

RUCHSER, LOU—First baseman. Brooklyn boy, and a home-run hitter at Grover Cleveland High. Hit .304 at Olean in the Pony League (1942), then flew combat missions while in service three years. Last year hit only .244 for Fort Worth, but was 20 pounds underweight due to climate and family misfortunes. Great power hitter, slickest fielder among all first basemen in Brooklyn organization.

WELAJ, LOU—At home playing short, second or third. Jersey boy, attended Seton Hall College, hit .322 (1942) on same Durham team with Ferrell Anderson, Behrman, Rackley, Edwards, Ramazzotti, Rojek, Whitman. In service three years. Last season hit .292, stole 20 bases, for Ft. Worth. Not a power hitter, but hard to fool at plate.

WOYT, BORIS (Butch)—Combination outfielder-third baseman. Jersey boy. Played three years (Dayton, Troy, Pensacola) in 1940-41-42 before going into service.. Hit .351 at Troy (Alabama State League). Last year hit .300, stole 50 bases, to lead Texas League in only 115 games. Rated great defensive outfielder, and was called sensational during emergency use at third base last year.

VAN CUYK, JOHN—Left-hand pitcher with best record in minor leagues last year. Fanned 207 men in 234 innings for Ft. Worth, pitching one one-hitter, four two-hitters, one three-hitter. Most of eight losses (he won 18) were heart-breakers. Worked as extra in Bing Crosby's studio, and Dodgers had to go high to sign him from semi-pro ranks. Has left-handed brother (Chris) in Brooklyn organization, rated as fine a pitching prospect as John.

RACKLEY, MARVIN—Speedboy who has always hit well in Brooklyn organization. Batted .322 at Valdosta (Ga.-Fla. League) in 1941, batted .293 at Durham and Dayton in 1942. Spent three years in service, came out to play center field and hit .306 on last year's great Montreal team, stealing 65 bases.

TATUM, THOMAS—Speedy right-hand hitter, purchased from Nashville in 1941, when he hit .347. Hit only .226 in 1942 at Montreal. Went into service three years. Hit .320 and was outstanding utility man on last year's Montreal club, playing outfield, first base, infield positions.

NOZINSKI, MICHAEL—New York City boy, signed as high school pitcher in 1943, just before entering service. Regarded as such a fine pro. Came out to pitch for Nashua in New England League, last year; won and lost record only fair, but allowed only 94 hits in 137 innings. Fast, great curve, and regarded as such a fine prospect he was lifted right onto Dodger roster.

HODGES, GILBERT—Big boy, with great hands, great power. Caught sensationally last year at Newport News, his first year behind the bat; rated as a coming great by such an expert as Bill Killifer. Appeared in one game with the Dodgers in 1943, as a third baseman.

PAEPKE, JACK—Played almost every position on Fort Worth club last year. Rated fine pitching prospect (ERA 2.17) and fine young first baseman. Played at Elmira in 1940, Santa Barbara and Montreal, 1941.

FAMY AUCTIONS